Review panel on POTA

†2840. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as Central review panel has been formed to go into the complaints over the application of POTA in certain cases;

(b) if so, how many cases have been taken up by the Central review panel and other details arising thereof; and

(c) the number of cases that have been referred to the Central review panel by the Government and other details arising thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) The Review Committee has been constituted by Central Government with specific terms of reference and notified in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, only on 4.4.2003.

Collection of donations by VHP

†2841. SHRI RK. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the news-item brought out in the newspapers of Britain regarding large scale collection of donations by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad there;

(b) the details of mode and rules under which donations collected in Britain inflows to India; and

(c) quantum of donations as such the VHP has collected abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Under the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 an association having a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme shall accept foreign contribution only after being registered or granted prior permission by the Central Government.

(c) No application for the grants of prior permission to accept foreign contribution was made by the V.H.P. during the last three years.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.